

Saigon, 25 Oct 69

Dear George:

I hasten to get this in the noon mail, in the hopes that it is not one of those "APO delayed" jobs.

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Delighted to have [] here, and no problem arranging ACDUTRA for him with []. This would be mutually beneficial -- your shop, ours, and Potts.

We normally need 45 days of lead time, because the endorsed request has to go to Kansas City for the orders. For this reason, I started to cable you today, because I assumed [] wouldn't want to spend Christmas with us (although he'd be MOST welcome).

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As soon as you get this letter, if two weeks beginning 8 December suits you and [] fire me a cable and we will start the ball rolling.

As an alternative, I suggest the two weeks beginning 5 January. In this case, the ten-cent pouch will provide ample notice.

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Hope you can spare [] to be with us about a week, in addition to his two weeks active duty. I find his calm, intelligent mind a boon at any time.

Thanks very much for your kind remarks. I had to do a great deal of soul searching before I acceded to Ted's request that I take a new tour. I was motivated in the final decision by three key factors: (1) I like what Ted is trying to do, and I think I have the capability of offering a bit more to help him than others. (Egotistically, I'll say this factor also applied to the possibility of working for you!) (2) Helen had never been between Honolulu and New Delhi. This offers her an opportunity for some side trips to see an exotic part of the world. (3) Money. The financial benefits far exceed the 25% differential!

I do hope we have an opportunity to work together before I hang up the suit. There's some mileage in the old carcass yet! *

Warm regards,

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* My tennis was never better -
but I don't last quite
long!